

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

July 9th, 2024

5:00PM at Town Hall

Approved Minutes

Town Board Members Present: Chair Glenn Carlson, Supervisor Sue Brenna, Supervisor Aimée Baxter, Supervisor Samantha Dobson, Supervisor Mike Anderson (via zoom phone)

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Kuchta, Town Clerk Alex Smith (via zoom), Internal Accounting Coordinator Lauren Burtaux

Public Present: Bob Hartzell, Norm Castle, Mike Starck, Marty Novack, Sarah Abbott, Theresa Abbott, Joe Abbott, Larry Sanders (via zoom), Paul Brummer

Call to Order: at 5:00pm

I. Public Comment A*

Norm Castle commented on his concerns regarding his property taxes and the significant increase.

Mike Strack suggested the La Pointe Police Survey be available in paper form for those who do not have online access. He mentioned out of the 25 years on the island, there has not been a Town Administrator for 10 of those years.

II. Administrative Reports

A. Town Administrator's Report: Prepared and discussed by Michael Kutcha.

The cell tower discrepancies were clarified. (Possible increase in interest rates)

B. Public Works Director's Report: Prepared by Ben Schram.

C. MRF Supervisor's Report: Prepared by Martin Curry.

D. Airport Manager's Report & Checklist: Prepared by Paul Wilharm.

E. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report: Prepared by Ed Schaffer.

F. Accounting Report: Prepared by Lauren Burtaux.

G. Police Chief's Report: Prepared by William Defoe.

H. Fire Chief's Report: Prepared by Rick Reichkitzer.

The Town Board congratulated all of the newly elected officers.

I. Ambulance Director's Report: Prepared by Cindy Dalzell.

Unanimous consent to place monthly reports on file.

III. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock and Harbor

1. Hire Fire Sign Installers:

Motion to hire Angela Foote (full-time) and Corey Beste (part-time) at \$20/hr not to exceed 800 combined hours, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Purchase order for culverts:

Motion to approve the purchase order for culverts in the amount of \$2,890.00, S. Brenna/M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Purchase order for Rentalscape software subscription:

Motion to approve the purchase order for Rentalscape software subscription in the amount of \$3,750.00, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. MOU on Hartzell water system:

Motion to approve the MOU for Hartzell water system, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

1. Accept member resignation:

The AHAC member Katie Sanders has decided to finish out her term, which expires in August 2024. No action taken.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Purchase order for 4th of July fireworks music:

Motion to approve the purchase order for 4th of July music in the amount of \$2,100.00, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Agreement for Use of Memorial Park:

The Town Board discussed the agreement for “Hot Island Sauna” to use Memorial Park. The Town Board would like to discuss further on the capacity for allowing townspeople to use the town property and would like more public discussion. The Town Board suggested holding a Town Meeting to discuss this topic further. Motion to postpone, S. Dobson/M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Resolution #2024-0709 Appoint Alternate Board of Review Members:

Motion to approve Resolution #2024-0709 with a typo fix in the resolution number from 0702 to 0709 on the document, M. Anderson/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried,

D. Generator service agreement with Total Energy Systems:

Motion to approve the service agreement with Total Energy Systems, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Resolution #2024-0709B: Amend 2024 Fee Schedule with Updated Local Tarriff No. 1:

Motion to approve Resolution #2024-0709B, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

F. Discussion of Apostle Islands National Park proposal:

Congressman Tiffany is requesting letters of support on his proposed bill to change the Aposlte Islands National Lakeshore to Aposlte Islands National Park. This would be the first National Park in Wisconsin. Tiffany’s reasonings thus far include increased tourism and hunting access. The Town Board has several questions and would like answers/feedback before making an educated decision. The Town Board requested to invite a member from Tiffany’s office, a member of the tribal council, and a member of the Apostle Island National Lakeshore to the next Town Board meeting for further discussion.

The Town Board may go into closed session during the meeting for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility in which it is or is likely to become involved in accordance with to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(c). After the completion of the closed session, the Board will come back into open session to act upon the discussion in the closed session or otherwise complete the business of the meeting before adjourning.

G. Vacation extension for Michael Kuchta

Motion to approve the vacation extension of 90 hours for Michael Kuchta, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

H. Attachment B to Compensation Resolution:

Motion to approve Attachment B to the Compensation Resolution #2023-1212D for the two raises for the transition period until a new Town Administrator is hired, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

I. Treasurer's Report:

Motion to postpone, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Vouchers

A. Town of La Pointe:

Motion to approve the town vouchers in the amount of \$21,927.29, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Harbor Commission

1. MIFL Utility:

Motion to approve the MIFL Utility vouchers in the amount of \$88,108.69, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Harbor Designated Fund:

Motion to approve the Harbor Designated Fund vouchers in the amount of \$335.50, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting – June 25th, 2024:

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 25th with Glenn's requested correction, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Emergency Services

A. Police Department

1. Police Survey:

Motion to approve the La Pointe Police Department survey, S. Dobson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Fire Department

1. Purchase order for apparatus repairs/maintenance:

Motion to approve the purchase order for apparatus repairs and maintenance in the amount of \$13,621.94, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Madeline Island Ambulance

1. Purchase order for vehicle repairs/maintenance:

Motion to approve the purchase order for vehicle repairs and maintenance in the amount of \$4,499.98, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Purchase order for radio reprogramming:

Motion to approve the purchase order for radio reprogramming in the amount of \$2,994.53, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Public Comment B**

Paul Brummer commented on the request from Tiffany changing Apostle Island National Lakeshore to Aposlte Islands National Park and his concern for increased tourism.

Joe Abbott asked when the police survey would be published. The survey will be available July 10th through August 15th.

Marty Novak mentioned disappointment in the Harbor Commission and Town Board's approval of the MIFL ferry fees.

X. Liquor & Operators' Licenses

A. Temporary "Class B" License

1. La Pointe Community Clinic – July 25th, 2024

Motion to approve the Temporary "Class B" license for the La Pointe Clinic for a welcoming reception, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XI. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

The Town Board may go into closed session during the meeting for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved in accordance with to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(g). After the completion of the closed session, the Board will come back into open session to act upon the discussion in the closed session or otherwise complete the business of the meeting before adjourning.

A. Petition with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Regarding Ashland County:

Nothing new to report at this time.

XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Treasurer's Report

Storage on 687 Middle Road Property

Apostle Island Letter/Discussion

UDC contract

Recommendation from TPC for revision of ordinance

XIII. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:51pm

Submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith

Approved as submitted, 7/23/24.